REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests substantive examination of the application in view of the following remarks.

In response to the allegation that the claims of this application constitute more than one invention, and the requirement under 35 USC 121 & 372 and PCT rules 13.1-2 that applicant elect one of the inventions described by the examiner in the office action, applicant hereby elects the invention of group I consisting of claims 1-13, 18-25, 27 and 29. Applicant traverses the requirement because the claims of both groups have the same distinguishing features, so that any reasonable search of one group of claims will be sufficient for examining the other group of claims, so that there is no legal reason that the examiner should insist on restriction.

The elected claims are in condition for allowance and applicant respectfully requests allowance of all the claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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